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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting for the Sweetwater River Recreational, Scenic, Riparian, Historic, and Wildlife Area along the Sweetwater River, Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior proposes to extend for an additional 20-year term and subject to valid existing rights Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7546. The PLO withdrew 4,943.13 acres of public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, to protect and preserve significant recreational, scenic, riparian, historic, and wildlife resources along the Sweetwater River in Fremont County, Wyoming. This notice advises the public of an opportunity to comment on the proposed 20-year withdrawal extension and to request a public meeting.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting regarding the withdrawal application must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Director, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Madson, BLM Wyoming State Office, at (307-775-6252). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The withdrawal established by PLO No. 7546 (67 FR 72970; December 9, 2002) is incorporated herein by reference and will expire on December 8, 2022, unless the withdrawal is extended. At the request of the BLM, the Secretary is proposing to extend PLO No. 7546 for an additional 20-year term. The withdrawal extension will allow the BLM to continue to protect and preserve the recreational, scenic, riparian, historic, and wildlife resources on 4,943.13 acres, covering about 9.7 miles around the Sweetwater River. Among other things, the Sweetwater River played a significant role in the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, California, and Pony Express historic trails.

There are no suitable alternative sites available. There are no other Federal lands in the area containing or replicating these recreational and other values.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of this withdrawal extension.

Comments, including name and street address of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personally identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal extension must submit a written request to the State Director, BLM Wyoming State Office, at the address in the “ADDRESSES” section, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the date, time, and place will be published in the *Federal Register* and local newspapers and on the BLM website at [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov) at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

This withdrawal extension proposal will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

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